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Wings over Pittsburgh Saluting the commonwealth



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Warren Park

Above: State Senator Tim Murphy, Mayor Tom Murphy, Brig. Gen. William Boardley, Wing Commander Col. Baxter Lane, and the 911th Security Forces Drill Team pay respect during the national anthem, Sunday July 8.

Spirits soared as the sky lit up with aircraft at the Wings Over Pittsburgh air show. All eyes zeroed in on the sleek wings of the F-16 as it burst through the sky to dance into the horizon. The Stars and Stripes planes swarmed in twisting and turning upside down and launch upright in the air. The Stealth sped by jerking from left to right in split second speed.

Paratroopers plunged through a sea of clouds and hovered midair as spectators awed their multitude. On the ground, clean-cut Marines marched while twirling and flipping rifles with razor sharp bayonets and kids caked in war paint raced remote control cars or climbed into the cockpits of mini-planes. All the action was caused by a total force event July 7-8 that spot-

lighted every branch of the military from the Air Force to the Coast Guard. About 120,000 people came out to dive into the fun-filled weekend of events. "A Salute to Commonwealth" was this year's theme of our second annual airshow. For air show picture story, see pgs. 4-5 or check out the website at www.wingsoverpittsburgh.com (PA).



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COMMENTARY



Commander's Corner Embrace change

By Col. Baxter Lane

Wing Commander

This month I want to talk about change. Change is a process, that ebbs and flows in the life of people and organizations. The forces at work can be compared to the movement of tectonic plates. On the surface there is no particular evidence that anything is going on, then suddenly a critical point is reached. In the case of the earth's crust, an earthquake occurs, the magnitude of which is a function of the underlying forces at work.

The forces of change at work in our lives and in the wing are very similar. Most of the time they are subtle and often go unnoticed. However, as with the movement of tectonic plates, they are always present, and they do have an impact on how we live our lives and do our jobs. And, every so often, the impact of the forces of change is sudden and dramatic.

Evidence of organizational change is all around us. The election of a new president is bringing dramatic change at the federal level for every facet of government, including the Department of Defense (DOD). New people in key positions with new ideas about how we should be doing business, coupled with the

requirement for a QDR (Quadrennial Defense Review) have brought tremendous uncertainty on the military's future direction. Change from this combination of "forces" is inevitable and will most likely be significant. Private industry also deals with change. Examples of dramatic change in the private sector are downsizing, mergers, and bankruptcy.

It is also important to understand that both internal and external forces are at work to affect organizational change. Examples of internal forces of change in the Wing are accessions, promotions and, retirements - new people, new ideas, new ways of doing business. Examples of external forces of change we all deal with is the Expeditionary Aerospace Force (EAF), budgets, and higher headquarters directives.

The success of your squadron and our wing to effectively deal with change depends on the collective ability of everyone to adapt to the forces of change in a positive way. Your recognition of the inevitability of change is essential for the success of the unit - the squadron and the wing. There is an axiom that says that "an organization that isn't changing is dying". Change is a good thing. Embrace it. And make it work for you, your squadron and the Wing.

On-line airshow kudos -

Just to let you know, I'm a first timer to Wings Over Pittsburgh. I just want to say "Thank-you!". I am a private pilot and flew a Piper Arrow. I really was impressed and enjoyed everyone's hard work to make this show one of the best I have seen! You all covered the general public curiosity of planes, but did it in style. I was impressed that on a hot weekend, water was easily available and the restrooms were kept in a way that was not a bad experience. I just want to let you know that I plan to be there next year, but with more of my friends. A show like this makes me proud to be an American. I live in McHenry Maryland so the little drive was worth it.

Active-duty retirees welcome to join Air Force Reserve

WASHINGTON - The Air Force Reserve is offering active-duty military retirees the opportunity to return to military service.

The National Defense Authorization Act for FY2001 added Section 12741 to Chapter 1223, Title 10 USC, which permits retired active-component service members who later serve in the Air Force Reserve to elect retirement as members of the retired reserve.

In addition to helping Air Force Reserve Command fill a critical need, active-duty retirees will receive several benefits for continued military service as reservists.

To be eligible for this program, people must be regular active-duty Air Force retirees who retired not more than five years ago or current active-duty members with an approved, projected retirement date. The program is open to all career fields. The Air Force Reserve will consider all applicants as long as there are valid vacancies to be filled, and

they meet the program's criteria. Some people may have to retrain to meet the needs of the Air Force.

Above & Beyond Incentives

- * Increased retirement income by earning points and/or pay while serving;
- * Promotion opportunity to a higher grade and retirement in that grade;
- * Renewed esprit de corps and camaraderie enjoyed on active duty; and
- * A possible retraining opportunity.

Once they become members of the Air Force Reserve, the retirees will participate within the regular boundaries of the Reserve's rules for promotion, continuation, utilization and retirement. In addition to being physically qualified, they must meet current Air Force Reserve high-year-tenure or mandatory separation date rules, which require reservists to retire or separate by age 60. For example, participation in the Reserve is

limited to a total of 33 years service unless enlisted reservists request and obtain an extension.

The retirees will continue to draw active-duty retirement pay but will not receive dual compensation for active-duty retirement pay and participation in the Reserve. Their active-duty retirement paycheck will be reduced by 1/30th for each day of reserve duty; however, they will receive a full reserve pay check for duty performed on that same day. During a reserve drill weekend, reservists receive the equivalent of one day of active-duty pay for every four hours of service.

If promoted, members may elect reserve retirement pay in the higher grade at age 60. Even if not promoted, they may request recomputation of their retired pay due to reserve participation.

Interested people who believe they qualify may contact the nearest Air Force Reserve recruiter or call 1-(800) 257-1212 for details. (AFRC News Service)

Budget request calls for increased AFRC funding, manning

WASHINGTON - The fiscal year 2002 Department of Defense budget request seeks \$3.138 billion and an end-strength of 74,700 reservists for Air Force Reserve Command.

Announced June 27, the DOD budget request totals \$329.9 billion, a \$38.2 billion increase from FY01 and \$18.4 billion more than the "blueprint" submitted by President Bush's administration in February. Overall, the DOD end strength remains the same at around 1.2 million reserve-component and 1.4 million active-duty members.

For Air Force Reserve Command, the request calls for 342 more Air Force reservists and \$244.3 million more than the AFRC budget approved by Congress for FY01.

The Reserve receives funding from three separate appropriations - operations and maintenance, reserve personnel, and military construction.

Most of the president's budget - \$2.029 billion - is earmarked for O & M funds. The Reserve received \$1.903 billion in O & M funds in FY01.

The \$1.055 billion reserve personnel appropriation includes a 4.6 percent across-the-board military pay raise and the addition of 101 full-time Active Guard and Reserve positions for staff integration, flight test support, instructor pilots, and other additional authorizations. The requested reserve personnel appropriation represents an \$84.2 million increase compared to the FY01 budget.

Reserve military construction funding calls for \$53.7 million in FY02, compared to \$14.9 million appropriated for the previous year.

The overall Air Force budget request for FY02 is \$95.7 billion, \$9.1 billion more than it received last year. DOD's FY02 budget request must pass both houses of Congress before becoming law. (AFRC News Service)

FEATURE

Saluting the commonwealth **Wings Over Pittsburgh**



Wing Commander Col. Baxter Lane kicks off the air show with a salute to the Commonwealth and to the local community thanking everyone for their hard work and support.



The F-16 Fighting
fighter capabilities
at the air show, b



Above: This young spectator gets a hands on to ground artillery.

Below: The U. S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, platoon, executes a series of calculated drill movements, precise handling of their hand-polished 10 and 0 Garand rifles with fixed bayonets. Drill team story





Falcon put on an aerial demonstration showing off its multi-role capabilities and maneuverability. Not only did it prove to be a show stopper but it has proven itself in air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack.



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...a 24-man rifle movements and one-half pound M-1 ... see pg. 4.



Caking war paint on young subjects was a big hit for some.

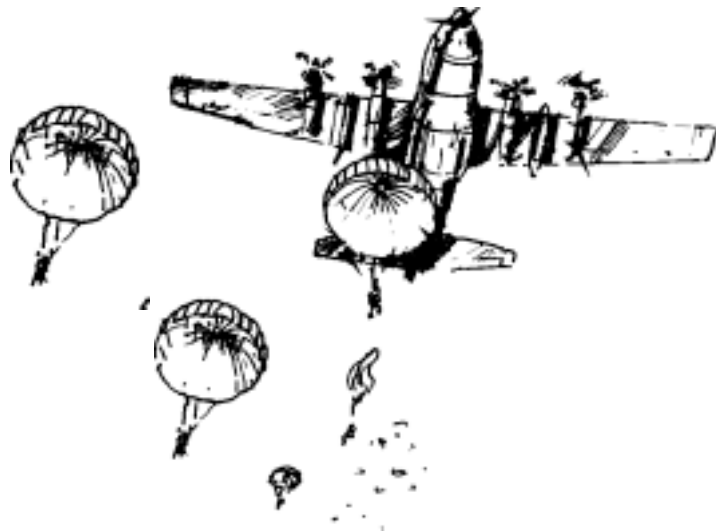


Photo courtesy the Air Force Academy, all other photos by Tech. Sgt. Warren Park
The United States Air Force Academy Parachute Team is comprised of cadet and active duty Air Force parachutists who are respected throughout the nation for their outstanding abilities.

NEWS

Rifle spinners amaze crowds at air show

Story and photo by Airman 1st Class LaVonne Johnson
Public affairs reporter

There is nothing like live entertainment.

Especially when it's done by our fellow servicemembers - the Marine Corps Silent Drill Team.

"I think they're the best," said Mary Farole, a former marine who watched the silent drill team perform at the 2nd annual air show here. "They are fantastic." Even with the aircraft engines blaring in the background, the 24-man rifle platoon didn't miss a beat.

"The whole sequence is done with non-verbal commands," said Marine Captain Justin Dunne, the commander of the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon.

"I work with a great group of marines," he added. The marines execute a 14 minute sequence of calculated drill movements and precise handling of their M-1 Garand rifles with fixed bayonets.

"I love what I do," said Marine Corporal Matt Britton who is a member of the silent drill team.

The team's home base is at Marine Barracks, Washington, DC. They perform often throughout the year at events across the United States and abroad.



The Marine Silent Corp. Drill Platoon

On-line air show kudos

To all those involved in the 2001 Wings Over Pittsburgh Air Show: I just wanted to thank all military ranks, sponsors, and everyone involved in this year's event for such a GREAT air show!

As a mother of 2 (ages 6.5 and 1.5), we found it easy to park, enter, and tour the many aircraft on display this past weekend. I was especially pleased with the cordial attitude of the military staff who provided information on their various aircraft during tours. Each ended their descriptions with, "hope you enjoy the show."

Overall, the convenience of having food, drink, water, and bathrooms available was much appreciated!

My children loved the show and we were especially impressed with the F-16 (I think) fly-overs, as well as the appearance of the Stealth and the C-130s with the paratrooper drop! I very much hope that you are able to provide this unique show for years to come for us lifelong fans of aviation and aircraft! I attempted to explain to my children the importance of the military staff and crew and their protection of our free country, their training requirements, and the potential for either of them to become a pilot if they so choose.

Please forward my gratitude on to Col. Lane, 911th Airlift Wing Commander and all those at this local facility that accommodated this wonderful air show!

Hope to see it again next year!

Angela Gillot

Moving on up/down



Senior Master Sergeant Larry Woods is stepping up into a new plane as a Chief Master Sergeant and moving on to Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana in mid-August to continue his career in recruiting. An enthusiastic farewell to our Senior Recruiter!

Summer campers 'defy' the standard

By Master Sgt. Cathleen Snow,
Justin Gosney, & Amika Gibbons,
Wing public affairs

DARE to DEFY seems like a challenging request, and it is.

Most are familiar with DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), but DEFY (Drug Education for Youth) takes the concept a step further and targets youth.

During the week of June 23 a DEFY summer camp of sixty 9-12 year-olds was held here. Pittsburgh Mayor Tom Murphy's, Weed & Seed Coordinator Mark Jones and the mayor's staff put the camp on under the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Justice. The community stepped up to help run Phase I of the camp.

DEFY began in 1993 as a youth outreach program developed by the Department of the Navy's Drug Demand Reduction staff to utilize military role models in promoting positive life choices and to reduce the demand for illegal drugs.

Wing personnel supported the summer camp and reservists played a role in inspirational talks and demonstrations on different aspects of the Reserve.

A 14-year-old junior mentor, Tia Montgomery,



Photo by Master Sgt. Cathleen Snow

Tech. Sgt. Jamie Carter, Loadmaster, 758 Airlift Squadron uses a young subject to demonstrate the importance of tying down cargo during flight.

of Homewood said, "It (being on the base) shows them different experiments so if they want to go into the military they have an early start."

Naji Libeji, a 12-year-old from East Liberty said, "I'm here to have fun and learn. They're (base personnel) nice and fun. It's (the base) really nice. They have all this stuff they could be doing instead of showing us this stuff. That was really nice."

Brian Stokan, an attorney with the U.S. Attorney General's Office said, "You see people getting prosecuted everyday so I'm here to prevent it from happening to our youth."

Among the chaperones were Pittsburgh and Homestead police officers, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center personnel, and a volunteer from surrounding communities, i.e. Homewood-Brushton Athletic Association.

The children participated in a variety of workshops ranging from smoking sensation, bicycle safety, police drug dog demonstrations, a tour of a C-130 Hercules, a gun awareness class, an outdoor obstacle course, and leadership activities.

In addition to media coverage the DEFY camp attracted special guests who were visiting Pittsburgh's police force, a delegation of South African officials.

Backos Mahlangu, Chief Whip of the Northwest Provincial Legislature of South Africa, observed the DEFY camp in order to benchmark the same type of program to help South African Communities. "Most of the crime in South Africa is committed by the youth. One way is to concentrate on the youth. Secondly, it will be a way the police can engage themselves with the communities."

When school starts for the children, it will begin Phase II of their DEFY training, afterschool mentoring.

Survivor II



Photo by Master Sgt. Cathleen Snow

Survivor II star Amber Brkich from Beaver appeared at the Wings Over Pittsburgh airshow. In the midst of signing autographs and posing in spectators' photos, recruiter Tech. Sgt. Keith Blockton presented her with an Air Force Reserve T-shirt and hat. For more pictures of the Wings Over Pittsburgh Air Show check out www.wingsoverpittsburgh.com

Spotlight



Staff Sgt. Brian Schultz

Name: Staff Sgt. Brian Schultz

Organization: Civil Engineering Squadron/Det 1

Job: Engineering assistant

Job scope: Computer aided drafting and site surveying

Hometown: Mingo Junction, Ohio

Hobbies: Basketball, music, and having fun

Favorite movie: Clockwork Orange

Favorite band/music: Pink Floyd, Tool, Radiohead, Beck, Doors, etc.

Favorite food: Beef jerky

Favorite TV show: Daria. I have a lot of the same views that she has.

Who'd play you in a movie:

Carrot Top

Favorite saying: When rock is criminal, the criminals they rock

If I wasn't working right now, I'd be... sleeping.

UTA Schedule

Aug. 25-26 Sept. 8-9

Oct. 13-14 Nov. 3-4

Dec. 1-2 Jan 5-6

Aug./Sept. paydates are Sept. 5 & 19

Basketball tournament

During the August Unit Training Assembly (Saturday, Aug. 25) the 911th is hosting a (max-8 team min-6 team) three-on-three basketball tournament. The first two games start at 5:45 p.m. There is a \$50.00 entry fee for each team. The first eight teams to pay are the teams that will play. Four team members maximum, three minimum. The fee goes toward 1st and 2nd place trophies and tee shirts for each participant. The money needs to be collected by Aug. 1. Call Michael Winston (412) 474-8262 7:15 a.m. 5:45 p.m.


Join the club, win a car

From Aug. 15 - Nov. 18 the 911th Consolidated Club is participating in the "Ultimate Membership Drive."

New club members will be entered in a drawing to win one of nine new cars. One new car will be awarded to a current member in good standing. Current and new members are eligible to win \$50 on membership night Sept. 7. Starting Aug. 15 if you eat lunch at the club, you're eligible to win a prize.

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Academic Achievement

SrA. Nikole Ford, 32nd Aerial Port Squadron, has earned academic achievement for the transportation apprentice course.

Government awards Wing employees

Hats off to a job well done! Two were honored by the Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board at the 2001 Excellence in Government Awards Program that was held at the Westin Convention Center on June 6.

John Casey, resource analyst, won the Outstanding Technical Employee Award.

Tech. Sgt James Johnson, an aircraft technician, won Rookie of the Year.

Both were among those who received the highest honors as gold and silver candidates.

The program recognizes federal employees for their outstanding service to their customers.